

Assembly Bill No. 1403

Passed the Assembly August 31, 2002

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Passed the Senate August 31, 2002

Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day of
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Private Secretary of the Governor

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CHAPTER _____

An act relating to agricultural lands.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1403, Thomson. Agricultural land preservation.

The California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40) authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000,000 of the proceeds from bonds issued and sold pursuant to the act for grants for the preservation of agricultural lands and grazing lands, including oak woodlands and grasslands.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature that those proceeds be allocated for specified agricultural land preservation programs, including the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act, the Rangeland, Grazing Land, and Grassland Protection Act, the Coastal Farmland Preservation Program, the California Environmental Quality Improvement Revolving Loan Program, and the Oak Woodlands Conservation Act, in accordance with a specified schedule.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) of the funds deposited in the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund and available for grants pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 5096.650 of the Public Resources Code for the preservation of agricultural lands and grazing lands, including oak woodlands and grasslands, be allocated in the following manner, upon appropriation by the Legislature:

(a) The sum of forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000) to the Department of Conservation for the California Farmland Conservancy Program Act (Division 10.2 (commencing with Section 10200) of the Public Resources Code).

(b) The sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) for grazing and grassland protection in accordance with Senate Bill



984 of the 2001–02 Regular Session, if that bill is enacted and becomes effective on or before January 1, 2003.

(c) The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the purposes of the Oak Woodlands Conservation Act (Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 1360) of the Fish and Game Code).

(d) The sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the Department of Conservation for the California Environmental Quality Improvement Revolving Loan Program (Division 10.25 (commencing with Section 10278) of the Public Resources Code).

(e) The sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the Department of Conservation for use in the coastal zone, in consultation with the State Coastal Conservancy and the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Coastal Farmland Preservation Program (Division 10.4 (commencing with Section 10285) of the Public Resources Code).



Approved _____, 2002

Governor

